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Enclosed is a Notice of Appeal along with a copy of the following previously mailed documents (mailed November 21, 2005): (1) a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; (2) Arguments Accompanying Request for Review; and (3) Petition for Extension of Time under § 1.136(a). The Notice of Appeal, which is mentioned in the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, was advertently omitted from the November 21, 2005 mailing.

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